



Legislation Text

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Councilman Riley

**Recognizing PFC Wilbur Lewis.**

WHEREAS, PFC Wilbur Lewis is being recognized for his bravery and heroism for events that occurred at Fort Bragg, N.C. on June 6, 1956; and

WHEREAS, PFC Lewis was involved in a mass parachute jump as part of a demonstration organized by the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne division for General Ne Win, Chief of Staff of the Burmese Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, PFC Lewis reacted quickly when he realized that his buddy Private Harper's chute was prevented from opening and he successfully caught the shrouds in mid-air and brought them back to earth with no injury; and

WHEREAS, Wilbur is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lewis of Division Street, in Toledo, Ohio; they were unaware of the incident at the time but were proud of the bravery that their son showed in the situation; and

WHEREAS, Wilbur was a graduate of Libbey High School and worked in the construction field before joining the Army on June 21, 1950; he was injured in Korea but returned to the service for another tour of duty; and

WHEREAS, PFC Lewis was recommended by Capt. Curtis Watters, public information officer at Fort Bragg for the Soldier's Medal for his actions that day; NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it resolved by the Council of the City of Toledo:

SECTION 1. That we recognize the actions of PFC Wilbur Lewis in saving the life of PFC Charles P. Harper that day and that he served his country with bravery and heroism.

SECTION 2. That this Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

**Adopted: September 17, 2019: yeas 12, nays 0.**

**Attest:**

**Gerald E. Dendinger**  
**Clerk of Council**

**Matt Cherry**  
**President of Council**

**Approved:**

**September 17, 2019**  
**Wade Kapszukiewicz**  
**Mayor**

